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## New Brockton creates committee to design emergency management plan

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Routine matters of business headlined the agenda Monday evening, Feb. 3, for the regular meeting of the New Brockton Town Council.

The new burning ordinance council members have been working towards passing was discussed again Monday evening, and the group chose to table it once more for further discussion.

This came off the recommendation of Mayor Charles Cole that each council member take time to read over the amended version of the ordinance before any action is taken. He said the city's attorney had given his approval for it, but Cole felt it would be best if the council members read it thoroughly before voting on the matter.

With that, council member Jody Stuckey made a motion to table the matter until the next working session for discussion with it set to be voted on at the next regular meeting of the council.

Council member Ron McMonagle suggested the ordinance be posted in prominent areas within the town before the next meeting so the people will become aware that it is set to become an ordinance. Also, he said this will give citizens plenty of time to express any disagreements with the ordinance by calling the mayor, city clerk or by being added to the agenda to speak at the next council meeting.

meeting.

The need for an emergency management plan was discussed by the council in which Cole said the town needs to have a very detailed plan put together for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He said FEMA has indicated that the more information it has concerning the town's needs during a disaster, the better prepared it will be to help in the future.

Cole said he felt the town would be better served by forming a committee to look into this matter and develop a plan to submit. He asked council member Ron McMonagle to serve as chairman of the committee.

"We're going to need everybody to work on this," Cole said.

According to emergency management officials, the committee will need to have its plan put together for submission in March.

The council also discussed plans for an upcoming fund raising event in which council member Johnnie Herron said a question came up during a planning meeting concerning the legality of accepting private donations for the city to use for grants.

McMonagle said the town has been advised by the league of municipalities to get an attorney general's opinion on the matter in order to be sure to stay fair and equitable for the citizens and businesses in town.

He said the town is planning to write a letter to the attorney general explaining the situation

and ask for his opinion on the matter. McMonagle added that this may take a few months to get a response, therefore, the fund raising event will have to be put on hold until the town can make sure it is a fair and legal process.

In other business,

Cole informed council members that Enterprise Rescue had agreed to a one year contract instead of six months for emergency medical service. He said he already signed the contract, and everything is in order.

Cole also informed council members that the workman's comp premiums have increased due to higher claims being filed. He said this increase has affected most surrounding cities in the area.

The council approved paying the monthly bills equating \$9,354.76.

In closing, council member McMonagle reminded citizens to remember the families of the astronauts lost last weekend in the space shuttle accident. Also, he said many guardsmen are being activated daily to work and fight for the freedom every enjoys in this country, and he asked that these men and women and their families also be remembered. These remarks fell especially close to home in New Brockton where several guardsmen have recently been activated while others have been on active duty for more than a year now.

## Students provide service with a smile



Several local students participated Friday, Jan. 31, with the annual Groundhog Day Shadowing Program and received an opportunity to learn a bit about the business world. The program is a joint effort between local schools and the Tech Prep Program of MacArthur State Technical College in which students are placed at businesses of interest to "shadow" or observe an employee at work. Locally, the Elba Chamber of Commerce also joins forces with the school systems to better serve the students in their efforts to learn more about certain fields of business or industry. This year, the chamber held a breakfast for the students and business leaders on the morning prior to the shadowing day to allow all to get to know one another. The students shadowed at a wide variety of businesses, and the interest in the program seems to grow each year. Elba students, Justin Allen (left) and Jason Curran (right) took advantage of the shadowing program to learn a bit about the banking business as they shadowed the tellers at SouthTrust Bank. The two students said the day had been very educational for them, and they enjoyed being able to assist the public. Also, they indicated that being able to "handle all that money" was an added bonus for the day. Most of the students left the day with fun and interesting stories to tell. Additional pictures from the day can be found on Page 3.

## City of Elba plans public hearings for two businesses seeking license to sell alcoholic beverages to public

Public hearings are scheduled for Monday night on applications by the first two local retail establishments seeking licenses to sell alcoholic beverages. The hearings will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall. This will during their regularly scheduled council meeting.

The Elba City Council will hear request from Elba Texaco Food Mart, Inc. for a Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine permit. They will also review a request from Friendship Package Store #2 for a Lounge Retail Liquor-Class II Package (off premises consumption) license.

Elba Texaco Food Mart is located at the intersection of the Brantley and Troy Highways. Friendship Package Store #2 will be located at 996 203 Bypass.

Additional applications for license have been filed since the first two, and those hearings will be held at later dates.



PROCLAMATION SIGNING...Elba City Mayor, James Grimes along with Elba Head Start Center, Organized Community Action Program and Dietary Managers Association have proclaimed February 3-7, 2003 "Pride in Food Service Week". The children at Elba Head Start will enjoy nutrition activities throughout the week. The future of the community depends on the high quality food service provided to the young children and their families today, as well as tomorrow.

## Gov. Jim Folsom birthplace home moved to Elba

The birthplace home of Gov. James E. "Big Jim" Folsom, the only Coffee County resident ever elected Governor of Alabama, was recently moved 16 miles to Elba to city-owned property on the west side of the old city jail.

The home will be restored to the way it was in 1908 when Big Jim Folsom was born there on Oct. 9, the youngest of 8 children of Joshua Marion Folsom and Eulala Dunavant Folsom. It will become a museum to remind people of what life might have been like at the turn of the century.

The area in front of the house will be fenced with either ornamental wire fencing or a hand-made wrought iron fence. A Southern Heirloom Flower Garden will be established, with raised flower beds and brick paths inside the fenced area, and antique roses climbing on the fence.

Old brick, off-street parking will be in front of the fence by the street. Fruit trees, including fig, pear, plum, persimmon, pecan and a pomegranate bush will be planted in the back yard, along with a scuppernon vine. Jacob Davis, Vocational teacher at the Elba High School and his students will participate in the landscaping.

The landscaping is a community project of Woodmen of the World Lodge 1932 and 1933. Nell Gilmer chairs this committee and has selected committee members to assist with the planning/designing of the garden. Matching funds from Woodmen of the World will help fund the landscaping, along with contributions from other sources.

In his first term of office, Coffee County Commissioner Kayo Lewis spearheaded the application for a \$10,000 government grant to restore the home to preserve it. To prevent the home from being destroyed or burned by vandals, a decision was made to move the home to Elba where "Big Jim" Folsom grew up. More funds were needed to make the move possible.

In 2001, Coffee County Chairman Linda Westbrook contacted businesses and individuals in Elba to make them aware of the project and asked for contributions to make this move possible.

The home was moved by Hussey Home Movers and set up

by county employees. It was turned over to the City of Elba, along with a check for the unused portion of the grant funds. Plans are to rebuild the chimney and replace doors and windows. Later the home will be used as a museum for Governor Jim Folsom memorabilia.



Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) accepts a check from Coffee County Commissioners Linda Westbrook and Kayo Lewis.

## Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 6 (TONIGHT), at 6:30 p.m. at the central office in Elba.

COFFEE COUNTY LAKE will open for the Season on SATURDAY, FEB. 8.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Feb. 10, at 9 a.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

THE 2003 "VALENTINE SWEETHEART PAGEANT" will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School in Elba, Ala. The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 is sponsoring the event, with all proceeds being used to finance numerous Lodge charities and projects.

NAACP EVENTS - Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m. - NAACP CCR #5017 Executive Meeting, 10:30 a.m. - Regular monthly meeting at John Chapel AME, Enterprise. For information call 783-6747 or 308-9929. Feb. 23, 3 p.m. - Black History program, sponsored by the NAACP Coffee County Branch #5017, Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church. Guest speaker - Rev. Franklin L. Flowers, Shady Grove AME, Elba. For information call 308-9839 or 303-0743.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

The loss of the space shuttle has been on the minds, hearts and lips of most Americans since Saturday morning. Everyone we have heard mention it has expressed prayers and concerns for all astronauts and the families of the seven killed in the tragedy. Flags are at half mast across the nation and public officials have issued the obligatory statements of support. Senator Jeff Sessions is a great orator and can be counted on to deliver a learned speech on most any subject. Saturday was no exception. Included in his official statement last Saturday afternoon was the following: "We grieve today for the crew and their families but we are a nation of explorers. It is our destiny. We will overcome this tragedy." The seven who died Saturday would surely have chosen to continue living and being leaders in the risky endeavor of exploring space, but somehow we think those are the very words each would have wanted spoken and written in this situation.

Governor Bob Riley has followed through with his campaign promise to appoint a commission to tackle the awesome proposal of revising the Alabama constitution. Actually making any major changes is going to be a lot harder than appointing a commission to study and recommend. Looking at the list of committee members (all great choices) we see some with very strong differing opinions. That has been the holdup in the past — some committed to change, some afraid of change and others concerned (either pro or con) about a particular section of the 1901 document and/or amendments. We could probably pick a subcommittee from the whole group which would come together with a new version of the Alabama constitution considered reasonably fair to all of us. However it would not (could not) please, or be of immediate benefit to all Alabamians. Taxing, home rule, abortion, tort reform, civil rights, education, medical care, unions (open shops) and the environment are some areas that jump out right away. Still there are hundreds of other issues for Alabama voters to anguish over before any new document is ever approved by a majority of the voters of this state.

Before leaving the constitution issue, we need to once more take a slap at those who argue against any change by using statements suggesting the present constitution is anointed by God. That is offensive. We think it is an underhanded ploy to divide and confuse Bible Belt voters when the ultimate selfish motive is to kill constitutional changes. They are ashamed to openly admit their real goals because those special interest benefits can't stand the light of day on the balance scale of justice to all. Just because someone writes something down and drops "God" into it at the appropriate places doesn't equate it to God's Word. It can affirm the writer's prayer for God's support and/or acceptance of the ideas advocated in the writings; or if you must argue that it does equal to being the Word of God, then you must then acknowledge that the same mortals can be inspired by God to improve, or rewrite a document to meet today's ever changing challenges.

There is no open, vocal opposition to the proposals being advertised for liquor licenses in Elba . . . at least not as of yet. Actually it appears each of the applying firms has complied with all applicable laws. We hope opponents of alcohol will not exert their energies in fighting what is now completely legal, but will concentrate their efforts on educating area teens (and adults) on the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption and alcohol abuse.

Last week we saw an unusual number of deer bodies alongside area highways. Each had apparently been hit by an automobile while crossing the highway. At one site there were two sets of remains in a pile . . . someone's car sure got whacked in that encounter. Then enroute to Montgomery on Thursday morning, we came upon one from which the head had been removed. It was a clean cut, so the decapitation surely wasn't done with a pocket knife. Apparently, either the person hitting the deer or another motorist wanted the rack to mount on the wall. We wonder exactly how you can be "the great hunter" in truthfully telling the story of that road kill head mount? Maybe the key is the word "truthfully."

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 27, 2003, through February 2, 2003. They included: Angela Ortiz, Marilyn Maddox, Maxwell Terry, Kadarius Thomas, Freddy Owens, Albert Armstrong, Martha Graham, Mary Patterson, Mary Carpenter, Diane Duncan and Robert Brown. Persons discharged during the same time period included: Betty Burks, Kadarius Thomas, Angela Ortiz, Marilyn Maddox, Maxwell Terry, Mary Crandell, Thomas, Freddy Owens, Albert Armstrong, Diane Duncan, Martha Graham and Robert Brown.

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## Ridge named to head Homeland Security

By: Senator Richard Shelby

Last week, the United States Senate voted and confirmed Governor Tom Ridge as the Secretary of Homeland Security. The continuing threat of domestic terrorist attacks has placed the creation of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on an accelerated schedule, and I applaud the Senate for its expeditious confirmation of Secretary Ridge. I have tremendous faith in Secretary Ridge as he assumes this new capacity and works diligently to protect the homeland.

One of the most important priorities for DHS is the creation of an analytical center within whose entire focus is to collect and analyze every piece of terrorism related intelligence information from each of our intelligence agencies. During my time as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, I learned firsthand how unwilling our different intelligence agencies are

to share information. The CIA, for example, hoarded information from other agencies to the detriment of national security. I also observed incidents where the FBI did not "know what it knew" because of poor internal intelligence sharing. We cannot allow these types of breakdowns in communication to continue, especially in light of the fact that the Joint Senate-House inquiry into September 11th identified these failures as a major reason why the attacks were able to be perpetrated.

The analytical center within DHS must be focused and non-bureaucratic with an expert staff dedicated to only this responsibility. At the present time, there is no one that the President can turn to and say, "What do we know about current terrorist threats against our homeland?" Not the CIA director, FBI director, nor the NSA director can

give the President a confident answer to that question. We know that each of these agencies collect intelligence information in their own way, and analyze it separately in their databases. With the creation of this analytical entity, we would be able to compile this information from the numerous sources of intelligence and make more conclusive and accurate assumptions about looming threats. Most importantly, the President will now be able to turn to one department, one person and finally get the answer to that critical question.

In order to avoid the failings of the past, the Department of Homeland Security will need to challenge the status quo. The institutional habits of the CIA, FBI, NSA and others in the Intelligence Community to share this information will no doubt be hard to break. DHS

must not allow the difficulty of doing so prevent it from accomplishing its mission of protecting the homeland. I have said many times in the past that the success of this department depends on its ability to effectively analyze unevaluated intelligence. For this reason, it is crucial for DHS to exercise the full extent of the powers granted to it by the Homeland Security Act, which Congress passed last year — especially Section 202 — which gives the Secretary statutory authority to access all needed reports, analyses, and unevaluated intelligence collected by federal agencies.

I cannot overstate the importance of the confirmation of Secretary Ridge and the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. I believe that he will provide the leadership necessary to ensure that the department achieves its goal of protecting the homeland. He, no doubt, has a difficult task ahead, but I am confident he is up to the job.

## President makes case against Saddam

FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman Terry Everett

The nation and the world paid close attention to President Bush's State of the Union Address last Tuesday night as our Commander-in-Chief laid out further rationale that Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq remains a direct threat to our national security and that of our allies. He made a compelling case that military action must be taken against Saddam if his government does not give up its weapons of mass destruction.

To quote from the President's speech, "The dictator of Iraq is not disarming. To the contrary, he is deceiving." . . . Thousands of Iraqi security personnel are at work hiding documents and materials from the U.N. inspectors, sanitizing inspection sites and monitoring the inspectors themselves. Iraqi officials, accompany inspectors in order to intimidate witnesses, fight, block U-2 surveillance flights requested by the United Nations. Iraqi intelligence officers are posing as the scientists inspectors are supposed to interview. Real scientists have been coached by Iraqi officials on

what to say. And intelligence sources indicate that Saddam Hussein has ordered that scientists who cooperate with the U.N. inspectors in disarming Iraq will be killed, along with their families."

Why the deception and shell game on the part of Saddam's regime? Why would he threaten to kill his own scientists if he has nothing to hide? Saddam Hussein already has weapons of mass destruction, and we know that he has used them against his own people. It is not a question of IF he is deceiving, but HOW he is deceiving. He already has the will,

more time will only give him the means to launch a deadly attack. The fact is the U.N. knew as far back as 1999 that Iraq had the capability to create over 25,000 liters of deadly anthrax,

capable of killing millions. Today, this material, as the President pointed out, remains unaccounted for. We also know that Saddam has the tools and means to manufacture up to 500 tons of sarin, VX nerve agent, and mustard gas - all deadly and in such quantities capable of killing thousands. Again, we do not know where he has hidden

these weapons or the tools to produce them.

Saddam has not limited his deadly appetite to lethal chemical agents, but is also working on biological weapons. He has been clever enough to make his chemical labs transportable so as to avoid inspectors and they remain to this day hidden from us. And perhaps the most chilling of all, Saddam is actively involved in seeking the nuclear material to construct a bomb. We know that he is seeking sources outside of Iraq for uranium and has also been working on ways to enrich what uranium he has for bomb making. Again, his government has not admitted to this illegal activity and continues to defy repeated U.N. demands that he disclose the details of his nuclear weapons program.

What does Saddam's weapons of mass destruction program mean to our own national security and personal safety? President Bush noted that Saddam is a direct threat to the United States. As he put it last Tuesday night, "Imagine those 19 (September 11, 2001) hijackers with other weapons and other plans - this time armed by Saddam. It would take one vial, one canister, one crate slipped into this country to bring a day of horror like none we have ever known."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer noted last week that with Saddam's present lack of cooperation, it would take U.N. inspectors 300 years to complete their jobs in Iraq. We cannot afford to give Saddam any more time to deceive the world. His regime is on notice. Disarm and disclose now, or face military action. The decision is Saddam's.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one accidental stabbing, two for possession of a controlled substance, two for burglary, two for possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one domestic violence and two for criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made: one for shooting into an occupied vehicle, one for possession of a forged instrument, one for theft of property, two for failure to appear, two for possession of marijuana, two for possession of a controlled substance and two for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for speeding, two for no proof of insurance, five for violation of the seat belt law, two for driving with a suspended driver's license, one for driving with no driver's license and one for driving with a revoked driver's license. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, JANUARY 27 - River stage - 6:34 feet (7:02 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 117 Cordelia (12:58 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 - River stage - 6:30 feet (7:02 a.m.); Alarm activated at 5515 County Rd. 410 (10:28 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 - Prowler reported at 401 Addison Ave. (1:03 a.m.); River stage - 6:28 feet (7:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 310 Brunson Circle (2:20 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 - River stage - 6:33 feet (7:02 a.m.); Breaking and entering reported at 1214 Deal St. (1:17 p.m.); Loud music reported at 823 Washington Ave. (5:14 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 - River stage - 6:79 feet (6:52 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1277 Highland Dr. (9:00 a.m.); Minor wreck (vehicle vs. deer) reported next to Fred's (1:25 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Subway (7:24 p.m.).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - Civil disturbance reported at Big Little West (1:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Big Little West (1:27 a.m.); River stage - 6:75 feet (6:36 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1826 Woodland Dr. (10:04 a.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 739 Lee St. (8:27 p.m.); Loud music reported next to 699 Kendrick St. (11:28 p.m.).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - Breaking and entering reported at 1224 Martin Luther King Dr. (3:08 a.m.); River stage - 6:71 feet (6:31 a.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 941 Smith Ave. (3:20 p.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 1855 Hickman Ave. (7:26 p.m.).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Big/Little Stores, Inc., dba Big/Little Store #13 have made application to the City of Elba for a 070-Retail Table Wine • 050-Retail Beer off premises consumption at this location, 221 East Davis Street, Elba, Alabama. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at 5:30 p.m., Monday, February 24, 2003.

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## Additional Groundhog Day Shadowing pictures..



Aaron Harrelson (right) got a lesson in building a house as he shadowed the construction crew of Gappa Wise and Freddie Newman.



Katie Dyess, Ashton Grimes, Rebecca English and Meredith English cut and styled hair while shadowing at Denise's Hair and Nail Salon.



Heather Knight and Roneene Brown learn about hair styling as they observe employees at Rodgers Barbering Style Shoppe in Elba through The Groundhog Day Shadowing Program sponsored by the Tech Prep Program of LBW Community College, MacArthur campus. (Front Row L-R) Sarah Watson, Jacqueline Miller, and Trinity Miller. (Back Row L-R) Heather Knight, Juanita Rodgers, Owner of Rodgers Barbering Style Shoppe, Lavanda Echols, Stylist, and Roneene Brown.

EES Menu  
Feb. 10 - 13, 2003

**BREAKFAST**  
Monday - Cinnamon Toast Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Tuesday - Pancake Pup, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Friday - Teacher - In Service Day No Students

**LUNCH**  
Monday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk  
Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, Peach Cup, Milk  
Wednesday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, 1/2 Apple, Milk  
Thursday - Hoagie, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Valentine Cake, Milk  
Friday - Teacher - In Service Day No Students

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## Obituaries

FOY (CAPS) MACE

Funeral services were held Feb. 3, 2003 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Jimmy Maddox officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Jack Ala.

Survivors include her son: Dwayne Kyle, Covington, La.; her daughter: Vickie E. (Kyle) Pruitt, Corinth, Miss.; two sisters: Onie Dawson, Brewton, Ala.; Jewell Mallory, Brundidge, two brothers: Fred Moore, Elba; Robert C. Moore, New Orleans, La.; and three grandchildren: Wayne Kyle, Charles Edward & Monica Elizabeth Pruitt, all of Corinth, Miss.

Survivors include two daughters: Virginia Ann Reeves and Sami Reeves Creel, both of Elba; three sisters: Maxine Bowdoin, Lumberton, N.C.; Jean R. Scarbrough, Elba; Lorene R. Roberson, Brundidge, Ala.; one brother: James Elma Reeves, Austin, Texas; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

ARLENE (MOORE) FONTI  
Mrs. Arlene (Moore) Fonti, age 68, of Covington, La., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Jan. 31, 2003 at Saint Tammany Hospital, Covington, La.

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HUBERT DOYLE BARNES  
Mr. Hubert Doyle Barnes, age 83, of Opp, Ala., died Jan. 31, 2003 at Southeast Medical Center in Dothan.

Funeral services were held Feb. 2, 2003 at Wyatt Funeral Home in Opp, Ala. with Rev. Robert Davis and Rev. Guy Winstead officiating. The burial followed at Peaceful Acres Cemetery, Opp.

Survivors include his wife: Wilodean C. Barnes, Opp; and two sons: Jerry Barnes and Doyle Barnes, both of Opp, Ala.

HORACE (HOP) COLE  
Mr. Horace (Hop) Cole, born Jan. 9, 1921, to the late James and Ola Leona Cole, died Jan. 25, 2003.

Funeral services were held Feb. 1, 2003, at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, with Rev. Fred L. Flowers officiating. Burial followed in Shady Grove A.M.E. Church Cemetery, with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter: Patricia Ann Fair, Auburn; five sisters: Pearl Cole, Elba; Eva Coleman, Stewart, Fla.; Betty Hawkins, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Ruth (Al) Singleton, Bronx, N.Y.; Peggy Tillis, Brantley; six brothers: Talmadge (Versie Mae) Cole, A.Z. (Victoria) Cole, Azotom Cole, Harvey Cole, all of Elba; James Nathan Cole, Alexander City, Ala.; Monroe Cole, Georgetown, S.C.

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## CHURCH & AREA NEWS



Christopher Senn

### Christopher Senn is five years old

Christopher Senn, son of Don and Terri Senn of Jack, celebrated his fifth birthday, January 16th, with a party on January 18th at his home. The theme of the party was Spiderman. Several family and friends celebrated with Christopher. He is the grandson of Pat and Linda Senn and Doug and Nell Shiver, all of Jack.

### Sandy Glass to be in concert at Klondyke Gospel Music Center

Sandy Glass, from York, Penn., will make her Wiregrass Area debut on Friday, February 7th, 7:00 p.m., at the Klondyke Gospel Music Center, located 1/2 way between Newton and Ozark, at 3885 Highway 123 South.

### Conversational Spanish-2 added to ESJC's special interest course offerings

Conversational Spanish-2 has been added to Enterprise State Junior College's special interest course offerings this spring semester. This course is designed for people with some knowledge of Spanish. Spanish-1 is suggested but not required. At the conclusion of this class students should have improved their Spanish language usage so they should be able to communicate better when visiting Spanish-speaking countries or when speaking with Hispanic co-workers. There is a \$40.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is February 18. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, February 25, April 8 (excluding March 23), 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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Scripture: John 17:1-19

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: Rosa Coleman, Mary E. Holley, Wallace and Mattie Belcher, Ernest Ellison, Lela Tyson, Lizzie Tyson, Cleaver Coon, Annie M. Balkum, Tammy Tillis, The Cole, Richburg and Bryant families, Jessica Pearson, Ruth Belcher, Mary T. Kelley, and the Lindsey Family.

\*\*\*February Birthdays: Lula Cole - February 2; Eria Lindsey Belcher - February 2; Vera Lindsey Williams - February 2 (In Memory Of); Nettie Ruth Lindsey - February 5 (In Memory Of); Lucile Lindsey Rideaux - February 7 (In Memory Of); Meliza Daniels Walker - February 7 (In Memory Of); and Timothy Williams - February 9.

\*\*\*Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church will hold Auxiliary Week Programs, February 10-15, 2003 Monday thru Friday starting 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, February 16, 2003 the church anniversary will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.

and Winston, Myron Duncan, Maria and Lydia, Marcus Kelley, Tim and Mable, Alan Belcher, Milton Belcher, and Betty, Juanita Brooks and Ree'Nita, Joyce Johnson and Kathy, Nyasha Carter, Theo Pearson, Estell Franklin, James Franklin, Isiah Franklin, and Grace, Robert Edwards, Mitchell Pearson, and Cynthia, Debra Jones, Shai Yelverton, Jana Kelley, and Caleb, Mike Manning, Evelyn and Lynsey, Virginia Rogers and Reynar.

\*\*\*Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (Tarentum Community) Brundidge, Ala. will hold Missionary and Matron Worship on February 11, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.

\*\*\*A Black History Program will be held at Rocky Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Elba on Saturday February 22, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

### Dedication of Veteran memorial marker set for February 8

Dedication of a Veterans Administration memorial marker in the Covington County Cemetery where Revolutionary War veteran William Carter is buried has been scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 8.

Bruce H. Taylor, president, Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, said members of the local patriotic group, Sons of the American Revolution, and area members of the Daughters of the American Revolution will conduct the event.

Mrs. Nancy Brunson, wife of Marion B. Brunson Sr. and a great, great, great grandchild of William Carter, will be the major speaker.

Charles E. Dye, chapter sergeant-at-arms, has made arrangements for a reception to be held in the Cold Water Congregational Church hall after the ceremony. Dye has also prepared map directions to the site and signs to direct visitors to the cemetery. For more information, telephone Taylor at 347-8736, Wallace at 347-0661 or Kemp at 308-2391.

### Greater love has no man

Special to The Elba Clipper  
By Jan White, Andalusia

Their names were George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, John P. Washington, and Clark V. Polling. Though their names may not be familiar, their actions were unforgettable.

These four men met on the USS Dorchester. They were chaplains - Protestant, Catholic, Jewish. They came from four different towns - a country boy from Vermont, the city boy from Newark and the minister's son from New York City.

George Fox had served as a medical corps assistant in World War I, receiving a Silver Star for bravery for rescuing a wounded soldier on the battlefield filled with poison gas. He had no gas mask.

Fox came home to Vermont and became a public accountant. Later, he felt led to study for the ministry. When world war came again, he told his wife and two children, "I've got to go. I know what our boys are about to face."

Alexander Goode had planned on following in his father's footsteps and become a rabbi. Growing up in the Washington, D.C. area, he walked 15 miles to Arlington Cemetery out of respect to see the interment of the Unknown Soldier.

He did become a rabbi, but he could help heal men's souls if he knew how to heal their bodies, so he got a medical degree. He left his wife and four children to serve his country in World War II.

Clark V. Polling, the youngest chaplain, was the seventh generation in an unbroken line of ministers. A Presbyterian past-

oring in Schenectady, New York, when war came along, he didn't want to be a chaplain, believing he should defend his country with arms.

But after a conversation with his father, Polling became a chaplain, leaving his wife and little girl to sail on the Dorchester. He told his father, "Dad, don't pray for my safe return - just pray that I shall do my duty." And that's what his father prayed.

John P. Washington, the son of Irish immigrants from Newark, New Jersey, grew up in a poor family with nine mouths to feed. He sold newspapers to help his family's income.

Johnny, as he was known, sang in his church choir and was the leader of the South Twelfth Street Boys in Newark.

Washington chose the priesthood and later organized baseball teams for boys in his parish. When war came and some of his boys went into the army, Father Johnny went along with them.

On that fateful day, February 2, 1943 at 12:55 a.m. about 150 miles from Greenland, a torpedo from a U-223 ripped into the Dorchester's right side. An old ship brought out of mothballs for the war, the Dorchester immediately began to sink. The four chaplains took charge of handing out life vests and let other board the lifeboats.

Survivors recall seeing the four standing on the deck, their arms linked, praying for the safety of the men escaping the ship into icy waters. Their act of heroism sixty years ago brings to mind the timeless words of Jesus, "Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

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Valerie Ann Presley

### Presley-Carney wedding planned for Saturday, March 29 at Ino Baptist Church

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy V. Presley of Opp announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Ann to Joshua Caleb Carney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carney of Ino.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Granger of Equality, Ala. and Mrs. Mary Presley and the late Clive V. Presley, Jr. of Opp. She is a graduate of Auburn University where she was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho. He is self employed in Ramson, Ala.

The marriage will take place Saturday, March 29, 2003 at 3:00 in the afternoon at Ino Baptist Church. All friends and family are invited to attend.

### Bryan-Lopez wedding set for Saturday, February 15

Gary and Paula Bryan of Dothan, Ala. announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Nicole Bryan of Atlanta, Ga. to Eduardo Tomas Lopez, son of Lorraine Riefkohl and the late George Lopez Keelan of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of W.T. and Catherine Bryan, and the late J.C. and Buha Wright, all of Elba.

She is a graduate of Troy State University where she received a bachelor of science degree.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Katherine Keelan and the late Julio B. Lopez, and the late Otto Riefkohl and Manelita Gorbica, all of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

He is a Sigma Kappa Lambda graduate of the University of Florida.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. February 15, 2003, at Dothan First Assembly of God. A reception will follow in the church's Christian Life Center. Family and friends are invited to attend.

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### Clark Credit Union Scholarship is established

A scholarship to honor long-time Alabama Credit Union board member Charles L. Clark has been established by ACCU. Funded by ACCU, it will be administered by the Alabama Credit Union League Educational Foundation.

Clark has served on ACCU's Board of Directors for more than 20 years, having a credit union career of at least 50 years.

In honoring Clark, David W. Metcalf, Chairman of the Board, said "Clark has always been a strong supporter of education and this scholarship fund will be used to seed the next generation of credit union leaders to schools and workshops."

Clark, who resides in Birmingham, is a native of Elba, and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Clark.



Miss Tara Jo Waller

### Miss Waller & Mr. Hewitt to be united in marriage on April 12

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Waller of Mountain Brook, Ala. announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Jo, to James Tasker Hewitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Howard Hewitt of Birmingham, Ala.

Miss Waller is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Paul Windham of Elba, and the late Mr. Charles Waller and Mrs. Cathy Waller of Pensacola, Fla. She is a graduate of Montgomery Catholic High School, Montgomery, Ala. and attended the University of South Alabama where she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Miss Waller attends the University of Alabama at Birmingham majoring in Biology.

Mr. Hewitt is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Armistead Inge Selden of Birmingham, and the late Mr. Owen Tolbert Hewitt and Mrs. Mary Jane Hewitt of Sewanee, Tenn. He is a graduate of Homewood High School. He received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Mississippi. Mr. Hewitt is employed in Birmingham.

The couple will marry on April 12, 2003, at Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Homewood, Ala.

### Free rebud trees are offered by The National Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free American rebud trees will be given to each person who joins "The National Arbor Day Foundation" during February 2003. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's "Trees for America" campaign. Rebuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring, and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE REDBUD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2003.

Patrick is the son of George and Rhonda Pate and Christopher and Patricia Wade, all of Cottdale, Fla. He is the maternal grandson of Roy and Joyce White and Dorothy White, all of Cottdale, Fla. and his paternal grandparents are Harold and Louette Pate, also of Cottdale, Fla.

Patrick is a 2002 graduate of Cottdale High School in Cottdale, Fla. He is currently completing AIT Military Training for the United States Army and is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. Upon completion of AIT he will continue training at Ft. Bragg, where he will be in jump school.

"Miss Jack Sweetheart Pageant" scheduled for Saturday February 8

The "Miss Jack Sweetheart Pageant" will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. at the Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. There will be a total of 8 categories for ages 0-12th grade. The pageant is open to any girls in the surrounding area. A practice will be held Thursday, February 6, 2003 at the auditorium. The entry fee is \$20.00 and must be submitted at or before the practice. For more details call Jack in a Box Daycare at 897-1535.

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### Workshop on behavior & resiliency in children will be held at MacArthur Center

South Central Mental Health Board, Louisa Petersen Family Center, and MacArthur State Technical College Workforce Development is sponsoring a workshop on behavior and resiliency in children from two to five years of age on Tuesday, February 11, from 6:00 p.m. at the MacArthur Conference Center.

The seminar is open to the public. Strategies for parents to use in coping with behavior problems in preschool children will be discussed. Child care providers are urged to attend the training conducted by Dr. James E. Powell, early childhood consultant. This is the first in a series of sessions that deal with early childhood development issues.

### Recycle your old vehicle and help the environment

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<b>PATRIOT CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Denny Sherrill, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Denny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Training Union.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Willie Williams, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH</b> W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.	<b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>HEBRO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rick Hayes, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>INDO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley D. Ark, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.	<b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:30 p.m.
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<b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Bro. Ashley Faulk-Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m.	<b>MILBERRY HIS CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m. MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Mary Seavey Sunday Morning Service.....10:30 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....5:00 p.m.	<b>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Ray Giles-Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Bro. Jerry Long, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Lorelei Flowers, Minister Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays	<b>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - CENTER PRISIE</b> W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship.....9:00 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening.....7:00 p.m. Friday Evening.....7:00 p.m.	<b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sun Nights	<b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Rev. Keith Price, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>PRINCE &amp; GLORY WORSHIP CENTER</b> Betty Morris, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> A. E. Williams, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays	<b>ROSTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH</b> Rev. F. L. Powers, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Prize Service Mon.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.	<b>NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Perry Hounds, Interim Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.
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<b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Mike Randall, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.	<b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Rev. Lloyd Hodge Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m. Friday Prayer Meeting.....5:00 p.m.	<b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donnae Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:45 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>WISE HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Alfred Inzer, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	<b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Jimmy Maddox, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	<b>ZODAR COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Nathalie Johnson, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service.....7:00 p.m.
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# SCHOOLS

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawna Hill



In this week's spotlight is senior Nick Folmar. He is the eighteen-year-old son of Rodger and Rhonda Folmar. Nick is employed at Cash Brothers and attends the Church of Christ. He is a very hard working student and athlete. His favorite sport to participate in is football. Like everyone's preferred avocation, he enjoys traveling with family and friends. There's nothing like some R&R after a hard day of work. Congratulations to Nick Folmar, a proud student of EHS!!!!

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## Tiger Tales

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### EHS holds annual Elbala pageant

by Brittany Cooper

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the Elba High School journalism staff held the 2003 Miss Elbala pageant at EHS. The pageant began at 6 p.m. and ended about 8 p.m. The categories for the pageant were: Mini Miss, Little Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss. The winners for Mini Miss were as follows: 2nd Runner Up - Raegan Kelley; 1st Runner Up - Kaelyn Fillingim; and the 2003 Mini Miss Elbala - Britney Williams. The Little Miss winners were: 2nd Runner Up - Kynu Coleman; 1st Runner Up - Kendra Silar; and the 2003 Little Miss Elbala - Lindsay McClung.

While the judges were calculating who the winners were for Mini and Little Miss, entertainment was provided by two high school students, senior Kesia Blenn and sophomore Jonathon Lockett.

After the entertainment, the Jr. Miss started. The winners for Jr. Miss were: Miss Congeniality - Arrian Bowers; 2nd Runner Up - Christina Bryant; 1st Runner Up - Whitney Lawford; and the 2003 Jr. Miss Elbala - Brianna Bailey. The Miss Elbala winners were: Miss Congeniality - Heather Hays; 2nd Runner Up -

### E.E.S. students enjoy enrichment program

by Meredith English

Webster's dictionary defines to enrich as to make rich or richer or to make more productive. Elba Elementary has had an enrichment program since the past school year. The program is taught once a month, on every third Wednesday, beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 9:30 am. "All teachers are involved," says one of the EES teachers, Mrs. Brackins. The teachers chose between art, cooking, painting, games, physical activities, or dance (an example is Mrs. Skinner's first grade class learning a dance to the "Eye of the Tiger"). Every student in every class, including physical education and special education,



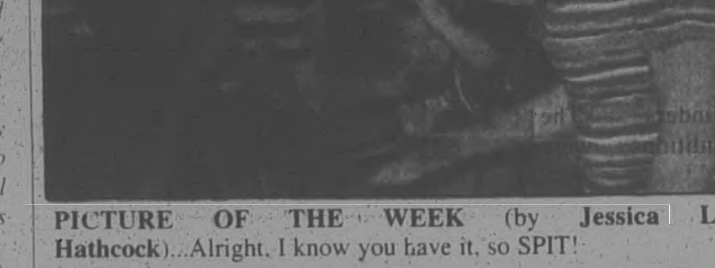
participates in some way or another in the enrichment program. Clubs also met during enrichment. Such clubs are the Beta Club, Choral, the Art Group, and Student Council. To participate in the enrichment program, the sponsors of the clubs either chose an activity, such as a fundraiser, or the club just discusses certain topics.

### Sr. Beta holds fundraiser

by Kimberly Farris

The Sr. Beta club will be holding their annual student-faculty basketball game this February in order to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The scientists sponsored by the foundation are on the brink of finding the cure for the disease that affects approximately 30,000 children and young adults in America alone.

The basketball game will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2003 in the EHS gym. Senior boys will play against last year's champion the male faculty members. Admission is \$1.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Jessica L. Hathcock)... Alright, I know you have it, so SPIT!

### FFA focuses on student success

by Christopher Randolph  
Alabama FFA President  
Submitted by Andy Waddail

The Alabama FFA Association (Future Farmers of America) proudly celebrates its rich history and accomplishments during FFA Week held annually during the week of George Washington's birthday, February 22. Alabama's 16,000 members are part of the National FFA Organization which boasts nearly 460,000 members in all fifty states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. FFA members are middle and high school students enrolled in agriculture classes. These students make a commitment to better themselves, their schools, and their communities by learning and practicing valuable leadership, business, and agricultural skills. In recognition of the outstanding achievements of the Alabama FFA Association, the Alabama State Legislature has officially proclaimed the week of February 22 as FFA Week in the State of Alabama and has asked that all Alabama citizens join in its support of the FFA.

Since its beginnings in 1928, the FFA has helped students become stronger leaders and encouraged them to learn skills that will help them achieve success throughout their lives. Members can participate in competitions ranging from public speaking and parliamentary procedure to poultry judging and land judging. Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects allow students to learn

entrepreneurial skills by either starting their own business or working for an established company. Students can design their SAE projects based on their interests, from raising cattle or planting pine trees to building furniture or working in a research laboratory. SAEs encourage members to develop a strong work ethic, practice sound financial management skills, and learn other practical skills necessary for almost any occupation. The FFA also provides opportunities for members to become chapter, district, and state leaders. Through various officer selection processes, students practice interview and interpersonal skills. In addition, by attending local, state, and national meetings, FFA members learn further leadership lessons and make friends across the state and nation.

The FFA's contributions to society are evident. FFA chapters have served their communities through special beautification, historic preservation, and charitable projects. The FFA has helped some of our top state and national leaders reach their level of success and has helped millions more to be excellent role models in their homes and cities. Other leaders have realized the positive impact of the FFA eleven U.S. Presidents have addressed the FFA since the 1930s.

The FFA is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary this year. Members of the FFA value the organization's accomplishments and look forward to an even brighter future.

### School Board Appreciation Month

by Ayonna Procter

January is School Board Appreciation Month. The month is set aside to recognize the valuable contributions of board of education members. The Elba Board of Education members are: Dr. Lance K. Dyess- Chairman, Mr. Bill Brunson, Mrs. Katrina Calhoun, Mrs. Valerie McGuire- Vice Chairman, and Rev. Aubrey Williams.

The Elba Elementary School honored the board members by serving them a lunch and by decorating the school walls with "We Appreciate You" posters. The Elba High School faculty showed their appreciation by sending all of the members flowers. Elba City Schools truly appreciate you and all you do.

# SCHOOL NEWS



## Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

### ZC cheerleader tryouts nearing

As basketball season comes to an end the time for tryouts is soon. A group of girls are signing up hoping to become a member of the next Zion Chapel Junior Varsity or Varsity cheerleading squad.

Although cheerleading tryouts may seem easy, a lot of discipline, hard work, and determination is required. Not only do cheerleaders have to be in shape, they also have to have good character. Cheerleaders must not have any disciplinary actions above class II. Cheerleaders must attend summer practices and most importantly, summer camp, as well as participate in the many fundraisers conducted. The fundraisers are extremely necessary because of the high cost of being a cheerleader. It cost around \$500 for the whole season, but is mostly if not fully paid off by the fundraisers. To many becoming a Zion Chapel cheerleader is an honor and it gives a person the opportunity to make great friends along the way.

Mrs. Katherine Neis is the Varsity cheerleading coach. She has been the coach for the past three years and is also the high school English teacher. Mrs. Lisa Smith is the Junior Varsity cheerleading coach. She has also been coaching J.V. for three years and is a first grade elementary school teacher. They along with the three judges will determine the 2003-2004 cheerleading squads and their captains.

### Zion Chapel band members receive statewide recognition

Each winter there are many opportunities for band students to audition for honor bands. This year we had several students who represented Zion Chapel well at District, State, and regional band events.

Six students auditioned for All-District Band on January 11th. Lara Lea Beasley, Keri Flowers, Jason Sanders, Donna Flowers, Melanie Perry, and Jeremy Sanders. The auditions were held at Troy State Elementary School. There were over 700 students from all over our District who auditioned for All-State and All-District. Our district covers the counties of Houston, Henry, Barbour, Bullock, Pike, Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Escambia, Conecuh, Butler, and Monroe counties.

Two Zion Chapel students made it into the All-District Band. Melanie Perry was one of 85 trumpet players who auditioned, and she came in 6th place. Keri Flowers was one of 56 flute players who auditioned and she came in 10th place. Keri and Melanie attended the District Honor Band January 24th and 25th and were conducted by Laverne High School Principal Mr. Earl Franks. Mr. Franks was the band director at Luerne for 12 years prior to becoming principal, and during his time as band director the band played at Carnegie Hall in New York City and at the Alabama Music Educators Association state conference. Keri and Melanie were privileged to be part of this ensemble and were the first students from Zion Chapel selected for this honor since 1998.

The Southeastern United States Honor Band is held each year at Troy State University. This year's festival is January 30-February 1. TSU is the home of the National Band Association Hall of Fame for Distinguished Band Conductors, so the people who organized the event typically bring in a Hall of Fame inductee to work with the band as a clinician. This year, Jason Sanders was elected by the band to play a solo on the xylophone, the timpani, and the snare drum in his audition, plus several rudiments. Jason's clinicians included Colonel John R. "Boss" Johnson, who conducted the "President's Own" United States Marine Band for 25 years, and Mr. Robert W. Smith, who is one of the foremost composers of band music today for Warner Brothers publications and was the band director at Troy State from 1997-2001.

Jason also worked with Dr. Johnny Long, who was the band director at Troy State from 1965-1997 and will be visiting Zion Chapel's campus next week. During Jason's time at Troy he was exposed to many musical opportunities. Auburn University also holds an honor band festival each year. Dr. Johnnie Vinson, director of bands at Auburn, also brings in clinicians to work with his groups. Mr. James Barnes, a long-time and popular composer of band literature, was the clinician this year. Zion Chapel will be represented on February 7-9 by Melanie Perry on trumpet and ninth grader, the youngest student from Zion Chapel to ever be selected, and Kala Bundrick and Kimberly McClain on flute.

Zion Chapel High School has a long tradition of excellence in its band program, and this outstanding representation at statewide events proves the worth of music education in Coffee County. Our students have done very well and have come back from these experiences ready to make our band even better.

CONGRATS,  
TO ALL THE STUDENTS  
ON A JOB WELL DONE!!

### Several ZC students attend NFLC in Jacksonville, Fla.

Melanie Perry, Lindsay Leverett, Kristen McLendon, Morgan Miley, Lara Lea Beasley, Shaun Ellis, Michael Sneed, Jeremy Sanders, DJ Stinson, Roy King, Clay Lewis, and Lee Boutwell attended the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC) held in November in Jacksonville, Florida. They were accompanied by their advisor, Mrs. Rachel Bryan. Mrs. Bryan and her students traveled with the Alabama Delegation which took two chartered buses to get the group to Jacksonville.

Held in several leading American cities each fall, the NFLC provides advisers and students with an opportunity to share ideas and reaffirm common goals with their peers from across the country. Members participate in leadership and professional development workshops. They also gain a better understanding of the national association and their role in its success.

The keynote speakers included Byron V. Garret who serves as President and CEO of Life Works International. Mr. Garret travels the globe preparing tomorrow's leaders through motivational presentations and leadership training. He serves as Co-founder and Principal of Progressive Leadership Academy in Phoenix, Arizona. The other keynote speaker was

### Jr. Beta initiates new members

President Erica Lewis and Vice President Jon Fuller conducted an initiation ceremony for the Junior Beta Club when twenty eight new members were initiated. Jennifer Taylor, Stacy Williams, Jenna Mobley, Kelly Quantebaum, Jonah Simmons, and Logan Carney were other officers who participated in the ceremony.

Kirsten Collins was given the Keys of Beta which is recognition for the newest member with the highest grade point average.

An update was given on the annual service project which has been completed. This year's project was to build stationary garbage can areas for the middle and high school break areas. These areas are fenced in with lattice-work fencing within which garbage can fit. This makes it more difficult for a garbage can to be turned over. In addition, it makes for a more attractive garbage can area.

The members of the club will make a trip to Wild Adventures in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee in April. This trip is a reward for those who have maintained their academic average. Seventy students from three grades will be making this trip.

Every fall, the Career/Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) in the State of Alabama conduct a Joint Development Leadership Conference (JDLC). This conference is available to prospective leaders from career/technical student organizations. It is designed to provide leadership development. Tomorrow's competitive world demands skilled and experienced leaders prepared to grow and make an impact. Alabama looks to career/technical graduates for those leaders. The conference motivates students and advisors to enjoy a day of leadership development workshops focusing on career skill building, self-improvement, communication, and chapter management.

Career/Technical classes include business classes, family and consumer science classes, and agriscience classes. A part of each of these classes is a CTSO which is a major part of the curriculum in each.

At Zion Chapel the Career/Technical Student Organizations are Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA), and FFA. These are just three of the clubs represented at the JDLC. There are actually nine organized career/technical clubs in Alabama and United States.

FFA used to be widely known as Future Farmers of America but with the emphasis away from farming and more into other areas, the club is simply known as FFA. Mr. John McCrory is the advisor. FCCCLA used to be known as Future Business Leaders of America.

Members of FBLA attended the 2002-2003 JDLC in early November. The Conference was held at the Civic Center in Montgomery. Officers from each CTSO conducted an individual officer training session and students were free to choose which one they wanted to attend. These training sessions were to teach officers, among other things, how to conduct a meeting. Mrs. Nancy Bergs, director of Career/Technical Education in Alabama, was a guest speaker at the opening general session. The keynote speaker was Chad Foster, a best selling author of *Teenagers: Preparing for the Real World*. Mr. Foster is one of America's most sought after speakers in the arena of students and educator motivation. Each student attending the JDLC was given a copy of his book.

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Those pictured include: Roy King, Michael Sneed, Melanie Perry, Lindsay Leverett, Lara Lea Beasley, D.J. Stinson, Clay Lewis, Kristen McLendon, Morgan Miley, Jeremy Sanders, Shaun Ellis, Lee Boutwell and Mrs. Rachel Bryan.

Rolfe Carawan who is a teacher and counselor from the College of William and Mary. He is dedicated to improving personal and professional performance. For the last ten years he has been focused on helping individuals recognize the impact their attitudes and actions have on their own success. The second day of the conference began with visiting the FBLA Marketplace to see what items could be purchased and attending the Battle of the States. Alabama had a team of officers in this competition. The rest of the morning and early afternoon was spent attending workshops. "Writing Winning Reports Isn't that Hard" was conducted by an advisor from a local chapter in Arkansas. This was an advisor from a chapter who had completed winning state and national reports. "Chapter Websites as Communication Tools" focused on ways to use chapter web sites as a communication tool. The components of an effective chapter web site was discussed. Those who attended learned ways to use web sites for publicity, highlighting activities, and building partnerships. "Leadership Are They Following You or Chasing You?" showed student leaders how to lead effectively by being confident, competent, and courageous. It was conducted by the keynote speaker Rolfe Carawan. "Networking 101" helped attendees master the art of meeting people who can make personal and professional goals come true. Creative tips and other strategies were learned by those persons who attended.

By mid-afternoon, the group from Zion Chapel was off to tour Jacksonville Landing, a nearby shopping center full of stores and restaurants. The day ended by attending the Closing General Session. This session was followed by a dance, but several of the group from Zion Chapel elected to return to Jacksonville Landing for dinner in an authentic Italian restaurant.

For the Conference, the Alabama Delegation was housed in the Jacksonville Adam's Mark Hotel which is located on the St. John River.

### FBLA members attend Joint Development Leadership Conference



Students from Zion Chapel who attended the conference were Hayes Vaughan, Samantha Brown, Lashonda Cole, Rosanna Johnson, Lindsay Leverett, Bryon McWaters, Justin Culer, Lara Lea Beasley, Shaun Ellis, Jason Holloway, Morgan Miley, Chris Fuller, DJ Stinson and Abe Childs.

Homemakers of America. The emphasis of this organization has also shifted. The emphasis is not primarily on homemaking but on other areas such as careers. Ms. Joan Hobbs is the advisor. FBLA is for business students. Teaching skills that will take a student from school to work is one of the primary goals. Mrs. Rachel Bryan is the advisor.

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## Elba Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events and Meetings

### February 2003

Feb. 2 - Groundhog Day  
Feb. 4 - Elba Rotary Club meeting; Elba 150 Committee meeting  
Feb. 5 - Azalea Garden Club meeting  
Feb. 10 - Elba City Council meeting  
Feb. 11 - Elba Rotary Club meeting; Workforce Academy at ESJC  
Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day  
Feb. 17 - President's Day  
Feb. 18 - Elba Rotary Club; New Seasons Study Club meeting  
Feb. 20 - Elba Chamber of Commerce Board meeting  
Feb. 24 - Elba City Council meeting  
Feb. 25 - Elba Rotary Club  
Feb. 27 - Elba DRA meeting

### March 2003

March 1 - Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast  
March 4 - Elba Rotary Club meeting; Walk Alabama Health Initiative begins  
March 5 - Azalea Garden Club meeting

March 7 - Elba COC sponsored Legislative Breakfast  
March 10 - Elba City Council meeting  
March 11 - Elba Rotary Club meeting  
March 15 - Miss Elba pageants  
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day  
March 18 - Elba Rotary Club meeting; New Seasons Study Club meeting  
March 20 - Elba Chamber of Commerce Board meeting  
March 21 - First Day of Spring  
March 24 - Elba City Council meeting  
March 24 thru 28 - AEA Spring Break  
March 25 - Elba Rotary Club meeting  
March 26 - Elba Economic and Development board meeting  
March 27 - Elba DRA meeting

### April 2003

April 1 - April Fools Day; Elba Rotary Club meeting  
April 5 - EHS Band Day  
April 7 - Southeast

Alabama - Community Band concert  
April 8 - Elba Rotary Club meeting  
April 13 - Community Wide Church Service - Kickoff for "Celebrate Elba 150" on the courthouse square  
April 15 - Income Tax Day; Elba Rotary Club meeting; New Seasons Study Club meeting  
April 17 - Elba Chamber of Commerce Board meeting  
April 18 - Good Friday  
April 20 - Easter  
April 22 - Elba Rotary Club meeting  
April 24 - Elba DRA meeting  
April 26 - 150th Brunson reunion  
April 28 - Walk Alabama Health Initiative ends  
April 29 - Elba Rotary Club meeting

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Elba Chamber of Commerce (334) 897-3125

Kate Whitworth, executive director

Lisa Hanchey, assistant director



## SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was time for a little spring cleaning last weekend at the Mularz house and both girls were told to go through their clothes and bag up what they couldn't wear for charity and put the rest in laundry baskets. By the end of the day it looked like the girls had gotten carried away with the idea of giving, but at least their closets were neat and had room to spare. Now I can't wait until they can't find something and have to wonder just what they did give away.

## SPORTING AROUND THE AREA...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers posted wins over Georgiana and Zion Chapel last week to improve their record to 8-9, but then missed out on the chance to even their record on Friday night with an unexpected loss to Opp. The two early-week wins gave the Tigers a record of 7-3 since the holiday break and had the Tiger fans convinced Elba was on a roll heading into post-season play. The loss to Opp brought the Tigers crashing back down to earth; however, and maybe it will help the Tigers refocus as they head into the area tournament. While it is true the Tigers have played much basketball better down the stretch, it is also true this bunch was 1-6 early in the season and really got spanked by Opp in the second half Friday night. C'mon Tigers, it is time to stand up and be counted.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers also went 2-1 for the week and improved their record to 10-8 in the process. The Elba girls have a young team filled with players that had to get their training as the season rolled along, and it has showed as the Lady Tigers have won when they were supposed to and lost when they were expected to. The ten wins is quite a feat for the youngsters, but there is still some work left to do, and now is the time the Lady Tigers can make a statement about what kind of team they will be next season. It will be interesting to watch.

\*\*\* The area tournaments will tip off this week all across the state for both the boys and girls, and for the teams in the area it looks like a very interesting week ahead. While the New Brockton Gamecocks have struggled to seven straight losses late in the season, the Gamecocks do have the talent to make some noise in the post-season and could be a sleeper in the 2A ranks, as could the Lady Gamecocks, who have closed with a spurt and have made their opponents sit up and take notice. Down in Kinston, the Bulldogs have closed the regular season with a rush and evened their record at 12-12 last week with a win over cross-county rival New Brockton. While the Bulldogs will have to play their best to make it out of the area, they should be filled with confidence and primed to play their best when they hit the court. The Lady Bulldogs have also finished strong and have to feel good about their chances at making it to sub-region play for the second straight season. If the Lady Bulldogs can play their best, they could very well claim their first area title in years. Up at Zion Chapel, the Rebels and Lady Rebels will both play hard when they hit the court for tournament play, but appear to be just a few days away from hanging up their sneakers after suffering through a long season.

\*\*\* Auburn's Tommy Tuberville got a five year extension to his coaching contract last week that will pay him \$1.5 million a year for the next five seasons and an extra \$1 million if he stays for the length of the contract. The Auburn coach will also get a cool \$3 million if he gets fired, and that ain't a bad way to go. Okay Auburn fans, you can quit worrying about how much longer Coach Tuberville is going to be around, because whether you like him or not he is now the man on the plains.

\*\*\* Alabama coach Mike Price was back in the news last week when he bought the home of former Tide head coach Dennis Franchione. It was reported that while Franchione paid \$880,000 for the home, Price got a better deal and jumped at the chance to move in. A lot of Alabama followers are upset that the new coach would buy the house of the old coach. However, money is money and at least in the real estate business the price was right.

\*\*\* Troy State released its 2003 football schedule last week and while the Trojans will still face a tough schedule, it looks a little easier than the past two. The Trojans have home games against S.E. Louisiana, Marshall, Alabama A & M, Florida International and Louisiana Monroe, while included on the road schedule are trips to Kansas State, Minnesota, UAB, Virginia, North Texas, Middle Tennessee and Utah State. Five of the teams on the schedule were in bowl games this past season and nine are IA teams, but it still looks like an easier road to me than in years past.

\*\*\* In closing...My youngest daughter had to give a speech last week in History class about a person that made a difference in the past and she gave her speech on former Elba Tiger head football coach Mack Wood. It was still amazing to look up his years at Elba High and the things he accomplished, and I am a firm believer that Coach Wood, the winningest coach ever at Elba High School, should be honored. How? I would like to see the football field named "Mack Wood Field," and leave the name of the stadium Tiger Stadium. That way all the former Tigers would be honored by the name of the stadium and at the same time a man that deserves an honor would also be remembered forever.

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**BRANDY KELLEY**...looks to make an outlet pass after pulling down a rebound. The Tigers will return to action Friday night against Straughn in the opening round of the Class 3A, Area 2 tournament, at Wallace College, in Midland City. Tip off is 7:30.



**DANAE WARE**...makes a pass during a recent win for the Lady Tigers. Ware and her teammates will battle Straughn Friday night at 6:00 in the opening round of the Class 3A, Area 2 basketball tournament at Wallace College, in Midland City.

## All three teams claim big wins

## Elba sweeps past Georgiana

The Elba Tigers hosted the Georgiana Panthers last Monday night and pulled out the brooms as all three Elba teams did their jobs to claim a clean sweep of the night's action.

The Tigers overcame a slow start and rallied late to escape with a wild 64-61 win, while the Lady Tigers posted an impressive 44-32 win and the JV Tigers opened the night with a narrow 44-42 win.

Following are highlights of all three wins:

## BOYS VARSITY

## ELBA 64

## GEORGIANA 61

Elba's Marcus Henderson connected on 4 of 4 free-throws in the final 29-seconds of play Monday night to lift the Tigers to an exciting 64-61 win over the Georgiana Panthers.

Elba jumped out to an early 4-0 lead behind the scoring of senior guard Kyle English and owned a 10-9 lead with 2:30 left in the opening stanza after an English three-pointer, only to see Georgiana rally late in the quarter and grab a 19-15 advantage.

The Panthers opened up a 24-15 lead early in the second quarter and appeared ready to blow the game open. The Tigers refused to quit, however, and led by the inside scoring of Marchello Reed and the outside shooting of Mason Guley were able to cut the Georgiana advantage to 28-27 with 2:51 left in the half.

Georgiana held on to carry a 32-27 lead into the dressing room at intermission, and scored the initial four points of the third quarter to open up a 36-27 lead with 6:46 remaining in the stanza. A driving lay-up by Marcus Henderson with 6:31 remaining sparked an Elba rally, and when Henderson connected on two free-throws with 2:08 left in the quarter, the rally was complete as the Tigers had pulled even at 42-42.

An inside basket by Quinton Gavin early in the final stanza gave the Tigers their first lead since the opening quarter at 46-44, and the Tigers managed to hold on to the lead and moved ahead 54-50 with 4:04 left on a pair of free-throws by LaRay Williams. A Kyle English basket with 2:22 left pushed Elba back in front 56-54, but this time the Panthers staged a rally as Georgiana regained the lead at 61-58 with 1:08 remaining on the clock. Elba's LaRay Williams slipped inside for an easy basket to cut the lead to 61-60 with :54 left, and Marcus Henderson then hit on four of four free-throws in the closing seconds as the Tigers scored late to escape with the exciting 64-61 win.

Marchello Reed scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Marcus Henderson and Kyle English both added 12 points

easy 71-25 win.

Ayonna Proctor scored 31 points to lead Elba, while Latoya Tyson added 11. Inessa Wambles scored 20 points for Zion Chapel.

**EL 11 15 18 27 - 71**  
**ZC 5 8 4 8 - 25**

**Elba (71):** Proctor 31, Lawford 2, Reynolds 6, Tyson 11, Ware 5, Thigpen 2, Gibson 2, Hill 4, Brunson 8.  
**Z.C. (25):** Rayborn 3, Ellis 1, Wambles 20, Senn 1.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**J. Dennis Lawford DBA - Elba Texaco Food Mart, Inc.** have made application to the City of Elba for a **Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine** off premises consumption at this location, **632 North Claxton Ave., Elba, Alabama.** A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at **5:30 p.m., Monday, February 10, 2003.**

and Mason Guley chipped in with 10. Johnson scored 20 points to lead Georgiana.

**E 15 12 17 20 - 64**  
**G 19 13 12 17 - 61**

**Elba (64):** English 12, Gavin 2, Kelley 2, Guley 10, Reed 17, Williams 9, Henderson 12.

**Georgiana (61):** Johnson 20, Lee 11, Beilamy 11, Smith 4, Rudolph 3, Pryor 3, Maye 8.

## (B GAME)

The Elba B team Tigers opened the night's action by claiming a 44-42 win over the Georgiana Panthers. Stefaun Burks and Jimmy Morris both scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Pressley led Georgiana with 15 points.

**Elba (44):** Suttley 4, Skinner 5, Carr 3, Burks 10, Cooks 2, Foushee 7, Johnson 3, Morris 10.

**Georgiana (42):** Rudolph 4, Pressley 15, Mobley 6, Benson 10, McMeans 5, McMeans 2.

## Tigers outscore Zion Chapel 73-51

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back last Tuesday night in an impressive 73-51 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels.

The win upped Elba's record to 8-9 and gave the Tigers a season sweep over their neighbors from Jack, while the Rebels remained winless with the loss.

The two county rivals swapped baskets early in the opening stanza before Elba was able to ease out to a 19-13 first quarter lead, and the second quarter was more of the same as the Rebels hung close with their cross-county rivals only to see Elba rally late and open up a 38-25 halftime bulge.

The Tigers began to take command early in the third quarter as they stretched their lead to 60-40, and then turned it over to the Elba reserves in the final stanza as the Tigers mopped up the solid 73-51 win.

Kyle English scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Mason Guley and Marcus Henderson added 16 apiece. Luke Taylor led Zion Chapel with 15 points.

**EL 19 19 22 13 - 73**  
**ZC 13 12 15 11 - 51**

**Elba (73):** English 19, Gavin 3, Kelley 4, Guley 16, Reed 4, B. Kelley 2, Williams 4, Henderson 16, Rogers 5.

**Z.C. (51):** Edmondson 9, Rayborn 9, Taylor 15, Smith 4, Childs 6, Arnold 8.

## (B GAME)

The Elba B team Tigers pulled ahead early and coasted in with a 40-24 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Tigers jumped out to an 11-3 lead in the opening stanza and led 37-18 after three quarters before letting the reserves mop up the win.

Morris scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Carter scored 6 to lead Zion Chapel.

**Elba (40):** Suttley 2, Skinner 7, Carr 4, Burks 7, Cooks 1, Allen 5, Morris 12, Carpenter 2.

**Z.C. (24):** Legar 4, Jones 5, Bryan 2, Culver 5, Carter 6.

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## SPORTS

In prep basketball

## THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

The Alabama High School Athletic Association will begin its prep basketball post-season action this week with area tournaments. All tournaments will be held at the site of the regular season area champions, and both the area winner and runner-up will advance to sub-region play.

Following are area tournaments involving local teams:

## CLASS 3A, AREA 2 - BOYS

At Wallace Community College, Midland City

Friday, Feb. 7

7:30 - Elba vs. Straughn

Tuesday, Feb. 11

7:30 - Abbeville vs. Elba-Straughn winner

Opp jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on a three-pointer by Emanuel Lane and kept the lead until midway through the opening stanza when Elba's Marcus Henderson pulled the Tigers' even at 6-6 on a driving lay-up with 3:20 remaining. A Henderson three-pointer pushed Elba ahead at 9-6 with 2:39 left in the quarter, but the Tigers failed to score again and watched as the Bobcats closed with a rally to regain the lead at 10-9.

Opp upped its lead to 12-9.

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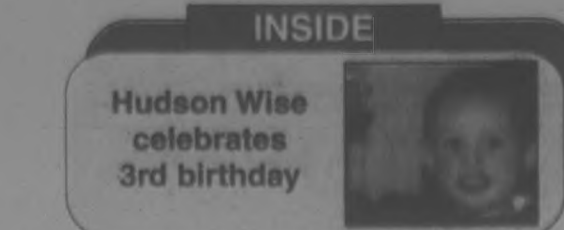
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## Stephens named to Water Study Management team for Wiregrass

Robert Stephens, Chairman of the Coffee County Commission, has been appointed to serve on a Study Management Team for Phase II of the Regional Water Reservoir Project Analysis.

The team is working through the Chocomahtee, Pea, and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to learn the long term water needs for the ten county Wiregrass region. They are also studying water flows and other factors in creeks and rivers of the region in an effort to find sufficient water to fill the grow-

ing water needs of the Wiregrass citizens.

As engineers report a continuing drop in area water tables in underground water reservoirs, five sites have already been selected as potential locations for one or more surface water drinking water reservoirs to fill these expanding needs.

The Study Management Team was scheduled to meet on Wednesday of this week. The purpose of this meeting is to study the Phase II analysis and review the draft scope of the work, as compiled by Corp of Engineer staff members.



**VALENTINES FOR THE SWEETIES** Retired Elba residents Sammie and Jake Morrow were caught by the camera in a local store Tuesday afternoon as they purchased special Valentine cards for each of their five grandchildren . . . the three boys and two girls. The Tuesday purchase will give plenty of time to get the cards addressed and in the mail to reach their destination by February 14th.



**BALLARD BRIDGE**, looking West, as construction on the new Highway 134 span over Pea River progresses. Workers have already completed the extended western approach to the bridge. Workers have already gotten across the main flow of the river with both their vertical and horizontal supports for the bridge. After completion, this bridge will be wider to accommodate modern day vehicle traffic. The lengthened (and raised) approaches will keep the roadway open to traffic longer during times when the Pea River floods from its banks. On the Western side the approach was built up on pilings to allow frequent flood waters to pass under the roadway without disrupting traffic.

## Elba City Council gives approval for first two alcohol licenses following advertised public hearings

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

On Monday night the Elba City Council unanimously gave final approval on two applications for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages within the city limits of Elba. This will be the first legal sale of alcohol in Elba since prior to prohibition and possibly the very first legal sale ever. Following a petition drive that was presented to the local city government requesting a vote on the issue, Elba citizens voted last November to approve the legal sale of alcohol within the city limits. Local tax income generated the sale of alcoholic beverages has been earmarked by the Elba City Council to bolster the financially strapped local public schools. Dropping state funding has kept the local school system in a money crunch for the last several years.

Following a required public hearing, Elba Texaco Food Mart was granted a city license for off premise sale of beer and wine. Friendship Package Store #2 was granted a city license to sell liquor for off premise consumption. There were no protests voiced to the city council on either license request during the public hearings.

Each licensee will immediately

receive a letter of commitment from the City of Elba for presentation to the state ABC board for further approval from the state agency. Upon approval and issuance of a state license, the applicant can receive a license from the City of Elba and be in business to legally sell their respective alcohol products.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that drug arrests are way up, as indicated on the monthly activity report presented to the city council. At 26 drug arrests during the month, there was an increase of 19 arrests for January.

The Elba police also participated in busting six myth labs within the county, some in the city limits and the others out in the county. During the first ten days of February they participated in an additional three myth labs bust. A total of 25 arrests were made by city, county and state officials in connection with these illegal drug manufacturing operations.

The monthly police activity report also showed that criminal arrests jumped by 54 to a total of 76 while traffic arrests dropped by 68 to a total of 51 and traffic warnings were down by a whopping 204, or two-thirds. Accident investigations

were down by three, but DUI arrests were up by two. Police officers drove 15,802 miles of official mileage during the month of January. There were 105 calls received from the public for service during this time period.

The council accepted the low bids on supplies for the recreation program. A total of five bidders bid on dozens of recreation items to be used throughout the year. The low bidder on each individual item was awarded the bid only on that item. Purchases will be made throughout the year when and if the equipment is needed by the recreation department and participating ball teams.

Mayor Grimes announced approval of a \$400,000 CDBG downtown revitalization study grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). A letter from Governor Bob Riley announced the approval on January 31st.

The council also approve a resolution requesting \$110,000 in grant funds from ADECA to install a sewer line from the existing sewer system to Kelley Foods as a reaction to planned expansion at the local facility. There is a requirement for \$23,831 in local match money

for this project and the resolution signed by the council committed the city to supply this match money.

Monthly bills totaling \$12,241.13 were approved for payment. They included \$2,668.33 for vehicle and equipment repairs; \$1,519.51 for asphalt mix and \$1,099.40 for sewer supplies.

Mayor James Grimes reported that city finances are in good shape. He said, "Revenue and expenses look real good right now." Revenue is up for the first three months of the fiscal year and expenses for the most part are lower than budgeted. Grimes noted that sales tax revenue for December 2002 compared to December 2001 was \$156,354 and \$140,000 respectively. That is an increase of about \$16,000 for December, usually the biggest sales tax month of the year.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the ongoing paving project is complete, except for final inspection. He added that the levee rehab project is going real well and there are now five pending applications for alcohol licenses.

The council also gave final approval to abandonment of John Street, off Winston Street.

## Congressman Terry Everett introduces terrorist elimination Act of 2003

Congressman Terry Everett, R-Alabama, has introduced legislation to provide the Federal government with more options to stop terrorists if our national security is at risk. The Terrorist Elimination Act (HR 356) lifts the Federal government's ban on assassination of terrorist leaders who pose a direct threat to our national security.

Congressman Everett, a member of the House Armed Services Committee and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, sees a critical need for HR 356 in view of the new non-conventional threats America faces in the war on terrorism. "As America continues to prosecute the war on terrorism, it is absolutely vital that our military have at its disposal all the tools necessary to deal with terrorist threats to our nation," Everett said.

"Currently, our armed forces can launch large bombing missions in hopes of taking out terrorist leaders, but the scale of such campaigns does not always lend itself to success. Unfortunately, our military and intelligence community is handicapped from being able to target these terrorists through smaller, more focused operations. Our Government's hands are tied due to a series of decades old executive orders banning assassination of foreigners. "The events of September 11, 2001 have dramatically changed the world in which we live, creating new, more elusive enemies. In the new global terrorism environment, the United States can no longer afford to be locked into a position of responding to terrorist attacks. We must be able to use all means available before such threats become actual terrorist strikes against Americans. It is very clear, however, that terrorists do not recognize agreements among countries."

The Terrorist Elimination Act nullifies the effect of provisions of three Presidential executive orders prohibiting Federal employees from attempting and performing assassinations.

The legislation impacts Ford Administration Executive Order 11905, Carter Administration Executive Order 12036, and Reagan Administration Executive Order 12333, which to varying degrees ban Federal employees from performing assassinations of foreign officials when required for our national security.

HR 356 seeks to allow our intelligence and military community the ability to act quickly and decisively to stop terrorists before they are able to inflict harm upon our nation.

## Area Happenings

**THE 2003 "VALENTINE SWEETHEART PAGEANT"** will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School in Elba, Ala. The Elba Masonic Lodge #1704 is sponsoring the pageant, with all proceeds being used to finance numerous Lodge charities and projects.

**NAACP EVENTS** - Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m. - NAACP CCR #5017, Executive Meeting, 10:30 a.m. - Regular monthly meeting at John Chapel AME, Enterprise. For information call 393-6747 or 308-9829; Feb. 27, 7 p.m. - Black History program, sponsored by the NAACP, Coffee County branch #2212, located in Springfield, Missionary Baptist Church. Guest speaker - Rev. Freddie L. Flowers, Shady Grove AME, Elba. For information call 308-9829 or 393-6747.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE** (ADC) will meet Thursday, February 13, 2003 at St. Paul's Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in steel officers, and, an Executive Committee of ADC members are asked to be present.

**ALABAMA BARBERS & STYLISTS ASSOCIATION** is sponsoring "Bases of Barbers & Styling Hair Expo" on February 24, 2003 at 7 p.m. at MacArthur Technical College, Montgomery, Montgomery Co., Ala. For more information call 393-6747 or 308-9829.

## Last Homecoming of ESJC is planned for February 20th

The last homecoming under the name Enterprise State Junior College will be held Thursday, February 20. A recent decision to merge ESJC with the Ozark aviation campus and Mobile site of Wallace Community College in Dothan also began a search for the College's new name, which is yet to be determined.

The women's basketball team will begin the battle with Wallace Community College of Selma at 5:30 p.m. followed by the men's foray at 7:30 p.m. In between the games the Homecoming Queen and her Court will be named. During half-time of the women's game, ESJC's Alumnus of the Year will be announced by Dr. Stafford Thompson, the College's president.

For more information about homecoming activities, contact Gary Deas at ext. 2233.